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SUBJECT: TURK-IS PRESIDENT TUNC EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR  
ECEVIT GOVERNMENT BUT HINTS AT POSSIBILITY OF  
NEW POLITICAL PARTY AND UNIFICATION WITH DISK  
1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT AT THE MEETING OF THE TURK-IS  
GENERAL BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION HELD IN IZMIR ON MAY 30-JUNE 1,  
CONFEDERATION PRESIDENT HALIL TUNC EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH THE  
AIMS OF THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT BUT TEMPERED THIS SUPPORT WITH THE  
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TURK-IS IS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF  
FOUNDING ITS OWN POLITICAL PARTY.

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2. TUNC ALSO DECLARED THAT A UNION TF TURK-IS AND DISK WAS  
POSSIBLE IN THE FUTURE, IF IT COULD BE ACHIEVED DEMOCRATICALLY AND  
IF DISK BEGAN TO ADDRESS ITSELF MORE TO ECONOMIC AND LESS TO  
POLITICAL CONCERNS.  
3. TUNC STATED THAT RECENT STATEMENTS BY ECEVIT CONCERNING COL-  
LECTIVE BARGAINING AND WAGES HAVE BEEN WIDELY MISINTERPRETED.  
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BASED ON A CONVERSATION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER SHORTLY BEFORE THE  
LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR BRUSSELS, TUNC WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE GOVERN-  
MENT HAS NO INTENTION OF FREEZING WAGES OR INTERFERING IN THE COL-  
LECTIVE BARGAINING PROCESS. HE ADDED THAT TURK-IS IS IN COMPLETE  
AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT ON FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. AT THE  
SAME TIME, TUNC NOTED, THERE MAY BE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ABOUT  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES, AND TURK-IS COULD THUS NOT

BE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT ALL GOVERNMENT POLICIES WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

4. AS IF TO UNDERSCORE THIS LAST POINT, TUNC REVEALED THAT THE TURK-IS GENERAL BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A SEPERATE POLITICAL PARTY. SUCH A MOVE WOULD REQUIRE DETAILED CONSIDERATION AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING, HE SAID, SO IT WAS TOO EARLY TO MAKE A DEFINITIVE STATEMENT ON THE MATTER.

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4. COMMENT: BY SUPPORTING ECEVIT IN THE FACE OF RECENT CRITICISM AND EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH THE AIMS OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT AT A TIME WHEN IT IS INCREASINGLY UNDER FIRE TUNC HAS REITERATED THE FUNDAMENTAL COMMUNITY OF VALUES BETWEEN THE MODERATELY LEFTIST TURK-IS AND THE MAINSTREAM OF THE RPP. AS TUNC HAS MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THIS SOLIDARITY IS FAR FROM ABSOLUTE, AND TURK-IS SEES ITSELF AS HAVING OTHER ALTERNATIVES. ONE SUCH ALTERNATIVE IS THE CREATION OF A NEW WORKERS' PARTY, WHICH WOULD IN TURN BE MADE MORE VIABLE BY THE UNION OF TURK-IS AND DISK.

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